

# The Hong Kong Daily Press.

No. 4431 號一十三百四千四第 日一十月二十年未辛治同 HONGKONG, SATURDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1872. 六拜禮 號十二月正英 港香 [Price \$24 PER MONTH.]

### Arrivals.

Jan. 19, QUEEN OF ENGLAND, Siam, ship, 542, George Leach, Bangkok 23rd November, 1871. Captain.

Jan. 19, PORTLAND, Brit. ship, 370, Smith, Shanghai 15th January, 19,000, pious Rice.—JARDINE, MATTHEW & Co.

Jan. 19, MORNING STAR, Siam, bark, 335, Lawson, January 8th, General.—JARDINE, MATTHEW & Co.

Jan. 19, ORNATE, Brit. sh., 731, Sampson, London, May 25th, and to the Janeiro Oct. 5th, General.—JARDINE, MATTHEW & Co.

Jan. 19, PRIMO, Brit. str., 608, Hooper, Shanghai 15th January, General.—JARDINE, MATTHEW & Co.

### Departures.

Jan. 19, MADURA, for Ningpo.

Jan. 19, TAYLOR, str., for Shanghai.

Jan. 19, CHINA, str., for Shanghai.

Jan. 19, NERVO, str., for Singapore and London.

Jan. 19, H.L.O.M. G. LING-PING, for C'oon.

Jan. 19, DUFFIN, str., for Yokohama.

Jan. 20, L. R. MONTGOMERY, for Saigon.

Jan. 20, SYNGHIE, str., for Manila.

Jan. 20, SHANGHAI, for Saigon.

### Clearances.

At the HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE, 19th JANUARY.

Loose-moon, for Saigon.

Norma, str., for Shanghai.

Madura, for Ningpo.

### Passengers.

Per *Sunshine*, str., from Amoy, 338 Chinese.

Per *Lucia*, General, from Calcutta, 1 European and 2 Chinese.

Per *Morning Star*, from Chetoo, 2 Chinese.

Per *China*, str., from Shanghai, 1 Cabin and 3 Chinese.

Per *Queen of England*, from Bangkok, 4 Chinese.

### Reports.

The British steamer *Sunshine* reports left Amoy 17th January, experienced strong monsoon and the weather till arrival on January 18th at 4.30 p.m.

The Peruvian ship *Lucia* General reports left Calcutta on 16th November, experienced variable winds and weather to the Equator, which was crossed on 6th December, after which had calm and light variable winds to the China Sea, then strong monsoon till arrival.

### Vessels from Ports in China and Japan, expected in Europe and America.

Vessel's Name	For	Date of Leaving
Brumstedt	New York	Aug. 18
Robert Fletcher	New York	Oct. 13
Glance	New York	Oct. 13
Julia Ann	New York	Oct. 14
Calabrese	New York	Nov. 8
Calabrese	New York	Nov. 17
Willa	New York	Nov. 17
Ellida	Hamburg	Dec. 12
Holenzollern	Hamburg	Jan. 10

### FROM AMOY.

Stanley	New York	Sept. 6
Star of China	New York	Sept. 12
Chintoo	New York	Sept. 27
Emperor	New York	Oct. 1
Lubra	New York	Oct. 24
J. E. Eriksen	New York	Oct. 24
Catherine Fullerton	New York	Dec. 5
Agnes	New York	Dec. 5
Sirens	New York	Dec. 6
Amrita	New York	Dec. 6
Carriack	London	Jan. 1

### FROM SHANGHAI.

Golden State	New York	Sept. 4
Fort Regent	London	Sept. 7
Avona	London	Sept. 13
Derwent	London	Sept. 13
Amor	London	Sept. 21
Grimsby	London	Sept. 21
Sealotter	London	Sept. 21
N. B. Palmer	New York	Sept. 30
City of Aberdeen	New York	Sept. 30
Hope	London	Oct. 8
Willy Rickmers	New York	Oct. 8
Constantia	London	Oct. 19
Taiting	New York	Oct. 19
Elizabeth Graham	London	Oct. 20
Centurion	London	Oct. 21
Celestial Queen	London	Oct. 23
Redoubt	New York	Oct. 23
Elisabeth	New York	Nov. 8
Victoria Nyansa	London	Nov. 13
Jeannie Louttit	New York	Nov. 15
Alban	London	Nov. 18
Lord Louisa	London	Nov. 21
Great of the Ways	New York	Dec. 20
Cleat	New York	Dec. 21
Adam Sedgwick	New York	Dec. 21
Minko	London	Dec. 21
Lulu M. Long	New York	Dec. 21
Ombé	New York	Dec. 23

### Auction Sales To-day.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Government Stores.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. Sundry Articles.

MARQUES & Co. Silks, &c.

### Banks.

#### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, 5,000,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:—  
Chairman—H. R. ROWE.  
Deputy Chairman—T. PYKE, Esq.  
E. R. MILLER, Esq. J. D. MOORE, Esq.  
A. J. ROSS, Esq. S. D. SMITH, Esq.  
H. M. LAMONT, Esq. G. P. WELLS, Esq.

Managers:—  
Hongkong—James Greig, Esq., Chief Manager.  
Shanghai—David McLean, Esq., Chief Manager.  
London—London and County Bank.

#### HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months' 2 per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months' 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months' 3 per cent. per annum.

Credit—granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drifts—granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GIBBIE, Chief Manager.  
Offices of the Corporation.  
No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000.

#### THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

HEAD OFFICE:—ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, LONDON.

Managers:—  
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, Nicholas Lane, London, and its Branches.  
Underwriters:—JOHN JOSEPH TIDD, JOSEPH ANGUS.

DURING each year it is proposed to pay the Shareholders, Half-yearly, upon their paid-up Capital, interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum; and, so soon as practicable after the expiration of each year, a Profit and Loss Account will be made up, showing the results of the business, due provision being made for all outstanding risks.

Out of the Profits first be paid an additional 5 per cent. on the paid-up Capital, making, with the interest to be paid, as explained above, 10 per cent. to the Shareholders.

Before any further division of Profits takes place a Fixed White Light, verified by Elates at 25 per cent. of the residue, will be ratably divided amongst those Insurers out of whose Profits Profits have been made during the year.

The undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, Shanghai, Foochow, Hankow, and Yokohama, are prepared to accept Marine Risks at current rates.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.  
14, Hongkong, 20th November, 1871.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

#### CHAPEL ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.

ON the 15th instant, the Chapel Island Light was lighted. The apparatus is Dioptric, of the First Order, showing all round the horizon a Fixed White Light, verified by Elates at intervals of half a minute. The centre of the light is 227 feet above High Water, and in clear weather it will be visible 22 nautical miles. The lighthouse is 63 feet in height from base to lantern. The lantern is painted black, with the exception of the parapet, and window facings, which are of granite unpainted. The Light-keepers' dwellings and surrounding will be painted white. The light-house is situated in Lat. 22° 10' 15" N., and Long. 118° 15' 30" E.

#### NOTE.

MASTERS of Vessels passing near the Island when bound into Amoy, may be required to stop at a point which may be made known to them from the Island, to render assistance if necessary and possible, and to report to the same to the Commissioner of Customs on their arrival at Amoy.

A. M. BISHOP, Divisional Inspector.  
Custom House, Harbour Master's Office, Amoy, 16th November, 1871. 3m 2003

#### PHARE DE CHAPEL ISLAND.

AVIS est donné aux navigateurs qu'à partir du 15 courant le feu du phare de Chapel Island a été allumé. L'appareil est Dioptrique, du premier ordre, et donne une lumière blanche à intervalles d'une demi minute par des colonnes de lumière. Le haut du plan focal est de 227 pieds au-dessus de la haute mer. En temps clair, la lumière sera visible à 22 milles marins en temps clair. Le lanternon est peint en noir, à l'exception du parapet et de la façade des fenêtres qui sont de granite non peint. Les logements des gardiens et les murs environnants sont peints en blanc. Le phare est situé par Latitude N. 22° 10' 15" et par Longitude E. 118° 15' 30".

#### LES Capitaines de navires passant auprès de l'île, se rendant à Amoy, sont priés de remarquer les signaux qu'on peut leur faire de l'île, de rendre tout secours nécessaire et possible, et d'en faire rapport au Commissaire des Douanes à leur arrivée à Amoy. Bureau du Capitaine de Port, 16 Novembre, 1871. A. M. BISHOP, Divisional Inspector. 3m 2007

#### PUBLICATIONS.

#### THE CONSPIRACY CASE.

REGINA V. ARDROG MOSSA AND NOOR MAROMEX KASHBA.

In the Press, and will be published in a few days, in 8vo., price 50 cents, the recent Articles that appear in the Hongkong Daily Press and the China Mail respecting this case, with an appendix containing a full Report of the Trial, and the principal evidence taken before the Judge-Jury in the Bankruptcy matter of ARDROG KASHBA, and at the Magistrate's.

Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Messrs. CHESON & WOODHALL, Booksellers, and Messrs. DORRIS JUMBEVER & Co., Book-sellers.  
14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000.

#### NOTICE.

#### VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

FROM this date, there will be no fee charged for Policies issued by this Company.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Secretaries.  
14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000.

#### NOTICE.

#### ATYRES & CO. AUCTIONEERS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

No. 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Weekly Sales every Monday, and Proceeds Paid in Wednesday.

6 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1872.

#### NOTICE.

#### MR. A. CONILL

will assume the charge of the Principal Agents of the Messageries Maritimes at Hongkong, from and after the 28th day of December, 1871.

By order of the Board of Directors.

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## Extracts.

## Happiness and Civilization.

(Full Mail Gazette.)  
The time, we suppose, is not far distant when "longs and shorts" being out of date, no schoolboy will be flogged for ignorance of the once familiar lines—

"Down here in the gutter, primrose  
Telling in long and short, primrose  
Which may be freely rendered—"How happy  
people were in the reign of George the Second  
before the land was cut to pieces by rail-  
roads." But he will not fail to learn from  
various other sources that nearly every  
nation in the world has had its golden age  
to which it looked fondly back as the  
perfection of simplicity and happiness. Some  
people think that the tradition was derived  
from Paradise, other bolder speculators that  
Paradise was part of the tradition. The  
Greeks had an idea that Arcadia had been  
once the seat of this primeval blessedness.  
The more practical Roman looked back  
upon a time when his forefathers were  
brothers, and close and kindly, and poor  
together. There are Englishmen of the  
present day who look back to the reign of  
Queen Anne as a period of similar felicity.  
There were Englishmen of Queen Anne's  
time who so looked back to the reign of  
Charles the Second. Sometimes the age of  
Queen Elizabeth, and sometimes the age of  
the Monasteries, has been considered the  
time when the comfort and happiness of the  
English people reached their maximum point.  
How much of all this imagination and  
philosophy will probably be engaged in discussing  
to the end of things. Without going quite  
so far as either Canon Gregory or Mr.  
Froude or Lord Stanhope is inclined to go,  
we can see equally indisposed to accept  
the opposite view, or to believe that the  
golden age of the past is a pure fiction.  
Much that is fanciful and sentimental in  
a good deal of truth is in our opinion  
mixed up. But we desire to call attention  
to an error which both parties seem to share  
in common, and to suggest an inference  
which both sides seem to have missed.

As regards the truth or falsehood of the  
doctrine in question, we are inclined to  
hazard—that, if happiness consists mainly  
in contentment, the English people of a  
century and a half ago had fewer  
provisions to discontent them than they  
have at present. In the first place, their  
physical condition, their food, and clothing,  
was superior. Their doctrine, first publicly  
taught, we think, by Cobbett, was admitted  
to be true by the English people, and  
with both eloquence and wit in "Satanstoe."  
In the second place, the inequalities between  
the different ranks in society, though not less,  
were less oppressive. The was partly due  
to that feeling of reverence for the "gentry"  
which still animated the classes just below  
them, and which is so humorously described  
in "Adam Bede," partly to the system of  
apprenticeship, and partly to the fact that  
between master and man, whether in town  
or country, the physical, moral, and intellectual  
contrasts which now exist were not-existent.  
The farm labourer-farmer was like the  
tradesman. If peasant and artisan could  
neither read nor write, if their wives had  
in the man and wife, their dung-hills,  
and pigsties, and cow-houses, and  
diseases, at least they had this consolation,  
that their betters were as badly off. And  
amongst discontented people that goes along  
ways towards checking discontent. Those  
days of the miller and miller's wife  
rolling out in a handsome carriage to a  
luxurious villa, while he himself must  
ever return to his squalid and smoky home  
in some stalling and crowded alley, the  
labourer in those days did not see the farmer  
ride out of his stable yard dressed like a  
gentleman and mounted on a hundred  
guinea horse, to come back after his day's  
hunting to cigars and claret. The gentry,  
on the other hand, inspired no jealousy,  
because their social position was recognized as  
a divine institution, and people looked  
at them with awe as the gods passing by  
"in tall human shape." Thus the contrast  
between workman and master was less seen.  
The contrast between landlord and tenant  
was less felt. And to say that the freedom  
from heart-burnings which this state of easy  
and contented ignorance was calculated to en-  
sure is not a true source of happiness then even  
the "free bread" of the present seems to us absurd.  
This bread-and-butter Paradise, this Eden  
of tea and sugar, which is the theme of so  
many persons at the present day, is one of  
the smallest fancies of the nineteenth cen-  
tury. George Osborne in "Vanity Fair" gives  
his newly married bride a sumptuous  
dinner, and then goes to the theatre by him-  
self. He did not see, says Mr. Froude, that  
the young lady's happiness did not lie in  
the fact that she was married, but in the  
affection and a tranquil mind, unconscious  
ness of injuries or wrongs, and consequent  
immunity from envious and vindictive pas-  
sions, are what constitute happiness, which  
does not lie at the bottom of a teapot any  
more than at the bottom of a soup-plate.

Of the kinder relations said to have  
existed between classes we shall not say  
a great deal. Sober and serious, as  
implied in the fact that masters and servants  
lived a great deal more together. But we  
doubt whether the truth extends much be-  
yond this. We should think people are as  
kind to their dependants now as they ever  
were if their dependants will only allow  
them to be so. But it is a growing theory  
at present that people can do without kin-  
dness in this world if you only give them  
justice.

Waiving this point, however, which would  
only lead us out of our way, the question is—  
Admitting all that the authorities we  
have cited urge in favour of the past, ought  
we to regret the change? Allowing that the  
eighteenth century was the happier century  
of the two, ought we to prefer it? This is  
the point to which we have already adverted  
as one which has been over and over again  
the subject of the controversy. Is happiness  
the end of national life, or indeed of hu-  
man life? If so would not perpetual child-  
hood be better than growth, innocence than  
the knowledge of evil; in a word, would  
not that the proper way of meeting such  
views as those now advanced by Canon Gre-  
gory, and less recently by Lord Stanhope in  
his "Reign of Queen Anne" is not to deny  
the facts, but to demur to them. What if it  
was so? Is the kind of sluggish happiness  
and rude plenty attributed to the last cen-  
tury the highest ideal of social existence?  
To lead people forward to a state of society in  
which they shall think for themselves; in  
which they shall have a definite purpose in  
existence; in which the claims of morality  
in its broadest sense, not that merely which  
is summed up in the two virtues of sobriety  
and chastity, shall be generally recognized;  
and even some divines when they talk to  
us of progress. And they would doubtless  
add that this is a process before which many  
forms of human happiness must inevitably  
disappear. Mr. Hawthorne has placed in the  
mouth of one of his characters the startling  
theory that not merely sorrow but sin is  
necessary to the perfection of human nature,  
and that this is the true explanation of the  
fall of Adam. To use this merely as an  
illustration, it seems quite true to say that  
the nations of Europe are at the end of the  
knowledge of good and evil. From the  
Evolution, and that they can never again  
what they were before. But whether this is  
a matter for any more than sentimental re-  
gret is another question. Eighteen hundred  
years in the life of Christianity may be no

## more than eighteen in the life of an individual.

If the principle of authority is mori-  
bund, if reverence is verging on extinction,  
if the simple sort of happiness enjoyed under  
patriarchal government is a thing of the past,  
the change, after all, may be only a sign of  
adulthood.

Mr. Froude, we admit, stands on a footing  
quite distinct from those who indulge merely  
in positive regrets over a lost happiness.  
But he believes as strongly as any one in the  
reality of the loss, and in much of what he  
says about the gentry and the clergy of the  
period we entirely concur. The answer to it  
is attempted in the *Times* is futile. We have  
stated before in this journal, and we repeat  
now, that Froude is not to be trusted as a  
painter of English country life. To the man  
of wit and pleasure about town, the parson  
and the squire were bores; in the eyes of a  
Whig about town they were that, and Jacobites  
to boot. They were lawful outcasts, and the  
justice or injustice of the ridicule which was  
directed at them is not the point. As little  
thought of as the truth or falsehood of the  
jests against matrimony which had been  
made fashionable after the restoration. Wesley  
and Whitfield made no way at all in the  
country and very little way in the towns till  
after the French Revolution. The Birmingham  
rioters are sufficient evidence of the popular  
feeling on Dissent. And, finally, Butler's  
complaint of the decay of religion is so well  
known to have related only to the fashion-  
able world of London, that we wonder to  
see it reproduced by any competent critic.  
So far we are at one with Mr. Froude. But  
he does not stop here. His position is that  
the whole national polity was of an essen-  
tially higher order in the eighteenth century  
than in the nineteenth; that society then was  
more complete under that reign of law than  
it is now; and that on Victorian era is the  
early Georgian what the age of the Antonines  
at Rome was to the days of the Republic. In  
the highest state of civilization, lapped in  
peace and prosperity, conferring greater  
happiness on the human race, according to  
Gibbon, than it had ever enjoyed before or  
after. He says that the Empire was in its  
prime, and that the heart was "lying out of  
it," and "the whole organism of the  
ancient world was on the point of col-  
lapsing into a heap of incoherent sand." The  
suggestion we have thrown out in this  
article, if good against one class of reasoners,  
is clearly not applicable to Mr. Froude, who  
would utterly repudiate the idea that the  
country could be going forward to anything  
better or higher. He sees in the period he  
describes (Essay on Progress) the well-  
ordered life of national manhood, not the un-  
quering happiness of an earlier stage; and  
he sees, we suppose, in the circumstances of  
the present day, not the development of new  
energies, but the loss of old ones, not the  
crude activity of adolescence, but the foggy  
retardance of age. With this theory we do  
not understand. Our own position is  
amounts merely to this—that those persons  
who do believe in progress should rather en-  
deavour to show that inferior happiness is  
an argument against it than to deny facts  
which are upon the whole unimpeachable. They  
need not defer themselves from contending  
that the age of inferior happiness is merely  
an age of transition, through which the na-  
tion passes on to a higher stage of happiness,  
superior both in quality and quantity to that  
which it has lost.

It is announced that the preliminary arrange-  
ments have been concluded for an exchange  
between the Midland and the Manchester,  
Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway Companies.  
Lord Lytton's supporters at St. Andrew's Uni-  
versity consider that Mr. Russell's recent elec-  
tion as rector is void, the Act 21, and 22 Vic.  
providing that no rector or professor of any  
university shall be eligible for the rectorial office.  
A proposition which will, no doubt, strike  
our War Office as novel and curious, has been  
made in the Parliamentary Commission for  
determining the Prussian military budget. It  
is nothing less than to introduce a clause  
for three years. Moreover, the proposal is  
accepted.

## Insurance.

## MERCHANTS MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

ENGAGED EXCLUSIVELY IN MARINE INSURANCE.  
Paid up Capital—\$500,000.00.

THE Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks on the usual terms.

OLYMPHANT & Co.,  
11292 Hongkong, 2nd July, 1869.

## VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

THIS Company, with its Head Office at Hongkong, and Agencies at the various Ports in China and Japan, is prepared to accept Policies of Insurance, at the current rates of Premium for the respective places.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,  
557 Hongkong, 1st April, 1871.

## NOTICE.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice.

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses (removed from the town) and their contents. 1 percent.

Other Dwelling Houses (similarly situated) and their contents. 1 percent.

Offices and Godowns and their contents. 1 percent.

Other Risks by Special arrangement. The following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurance, viz:—

Not exceeding 10 days 4th per cent.

Not exceeding 1 month 1st per cent.

Not exceeding 3 months 6th per cent.

Above 3 months the full annual rate of 12th per cent.

Agents, Royal Insurance Company, 1763 Hongkong, 15th September, 1869.

## IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

REDEMPTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks on the usual terms.

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## Insurance.

## DRESDEN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR SEA, RIVER, AND LAND TRANSPORT.

THE Undersigned having been appointed General Agents in China for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks and issue policies of Insurance at the current rates of Premium.

CARLOWITZ & Co.,  
General Agents in China,  
6th 2193 Hongkong, 15th December, 1871.

## NOTICE.

## IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurance, viz:—

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Not exceeding 1 month 1st per cent.

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Above 3 months the full annual rate of 12th per cent.

Agents, GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
1763 Hongkong, 15th December, 1871.

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